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We need to make Hawaii the best we can make it – by creating affordable housing, healthcare for everyone, sustainable industries, etc, etc, etc. Solutions to these problems exist now. But too often what is lacking here is the po9litical will to take on real solutions.

Business-as-usual in Hawaii, where the political will to solve the healthcare crisis, for instance, is absent, leaves many Hawaii residents and businesses with sky high unsustainable healthcare costs.

Every other modern, industrialized country has universal healthcare—for everyone—because it's a more efficient, cost-effective, humane way to deliver healthcare. Their average per person healthcare cost is almost \$3,000 compared to our almost \$6,000 per person. And though they pay half per person of what we pay, they get better healthcare overall.

U.S. Medicare—which is universal healthcare for all American seniors—was set up in a year. Hawaii needs to create universal healthcare to cover all Hawaii's people and remove this burden from our residents and businesses now, because healthcare costs are predicted to double again in a decade.

Other places, recognizing their needs and implementing solutions, also have created affordable housing for the majority of their people, and are presently working towards sustainable solutions to energy and economic problems.

Green Party of Hawaii's gubernatorial candidate, Jim Brewer (please see his statement), and I (Green Party Lieutenant Governor candidate) have advocated for solutions to these problems for years. I elected, we'll provide the political will needed to solve pressing problems.